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REMARKS

The Attached United States Patent Application, docket number PF030038, claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to French Patent Application No. 0301857 filed on February 11, 2003.

Claim 10 has been amended and claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. The amendments to the claims are solely for the purpose of conforming the claims to U.S. practice, and are not intended to narrow the scope of any claims or for any purpose related to patentability. Applicant submits that none of the amendments to the claims enter any new matter into the application.

Like the claims, the Abstract has also been amended to improve its form. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at 609-734-6839 in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

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